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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Official Action dated August 13, 2007. This paper is set forth as follows:

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